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Life and atmosphere of

WESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY

We're tenting tonight on the old camp ground

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ALTON, ILLINOIS

The object of this publication is to acquaint parents and sons who cannot visit the school with the beauty of our surroundings, our modern and complete equipment, and the interesting activities in which the cadets engage.

Reference should be made to the Catalog for complete description of the buildings and other features pictured here.

Deep in the bosom of
a sheltered glade
Where interwoven branches
spread a shade

And give each scene a tongue,
Whereby to state its chapter on
The book we live of life

Colonel Ralph L. Jackson, Superintendent, was reared in the atmosphere of Western Military Academy. He is the father of three sons and understands boys. He knows how to bring their hidden talents to the surface, and how to help boys understand themselves.

Nothing about Western Military Academy "just happens;" this view shows the orderly ensemble and beauty of the campus.

First row—Colonel R. L. Jackson, Superintendent; Major F. N. Henderson, Commandant; Major R. K. Latham, Assistant Superintendent; Captain K. S. Anderson, Professor of Military Science and Tactics; Major R. E. Wilkinson, Principal.

Second row—Major R. S. Eaton, Mathematics; Captain T. C. Jackson, Science; Captain H. E. Suhre, Commercial Subjects; Captain W. J. Buck, Latin and German; Captain P. M. Leuriz, English.

Third row—Captain N. W. Williams, French and Spanish; Captain G. M. Teal, English; Captain A. L. Williams, History; Captain E. P. Droste, Mathematics and Athletics; Captain F. C. Schrantz, Chemistry and Physics.

Fourth row—Sergeant A. E. Dunster, Military Department; Captain C. H. Moore, Assistant Commandant; Captain C. A. Thomas, Tactical Officer; Dr. H. P. McCuistion, School Physician; Miss T. A. Watkins, Resident Nurse.

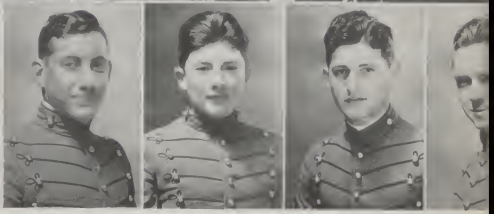
Here parents and friends enjoy many happy visits with cadets. The reception rooms are homelike and comfortable.

They are called "barracks", but their architectural grace belies the hardness of the term. This is "E" Barrack.

Officers--Classes

Bertrand M. Brewster not shown Also Walter L. Fish

The Class of 1933



William Ache
Frank M. Chandler, Jr.
Charles J. Dlugon
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John R. Coghill
Charles C. Drace, Jr.
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Kermit J. Buckley
Stephen C. Collins, Jr.
Milton J. Drain
Melvin H. Glick
Charles W. Bunje
Walter J. Conlon, Jr.
Raymond M. Ellinwood
Earl W. Grawoig
Robert N. Case
John O. Cook, Jr.
Thomas J. Finley, Jr.
Chester

(Also grads)

The Class of 1933

Irving C. Loesche
Robert B. Secord
Andrew P. Titus, Jr.
Grimm

Morgan B. McDannell
Eugene J. Seidel
Fred C. Varney
Louis H. Weil

Thomas R. Morris
William E. Semon
Curt F. von Mueller

Joseph A. Mrazek
Bert S. Steiner
John R. Wagner
Thomas L. Young

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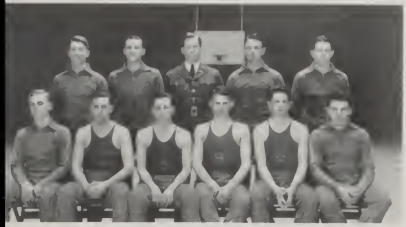
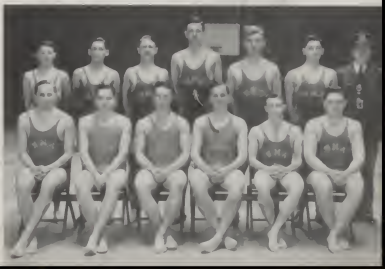
Roe D. Watson

GRADUATES OF FEBRUARY, 1933

Bertrand W. Brewster
Walter L. Parker

Athletics





There are five barracks in all. The aerial view on page six shows their excellent arrangement on the campus. "B" Barrack is shown here.

The living quarters are fireproof and modern. They provide every facility for cleanliness and comfort.

Plenty of sunshine and air, with soft trees and shrubs for relief.

Two for chumminess in a large, cheery room; but each cadet with his own wardrobe, dresser and bed. Most boys find it fun to "keep house," and it promotes that valuable asset of self-reliance.

Here clear-eyed boys find life comfortable and interesting. "D" Barrack.

"PALS"

Strong friendships are built in the mutual enjoyment of games, in the adventures of hikes, and in constant association with congenial companions.

IT is important that boys enjoy themselves at meal time. Every effort is made to maintain the right atmosphere in the mess hall. Good manners are developed in our beautiful tile floored dining room, with its immaculate linen, efficient service and excellent food.

A trained dietitian builds balanced menus which are particularly suited

to the proper nourishment of growing boys. Fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy products are served in abundance. The food is pleasing in variety and liberal in quantity. Only the best quality of food is purchased, and it is prepared by a corps of expert chefs.

The kitchens are equipped with the most modern utensils and devices. The floors and wainscoting are of tile. A large cold storage room is maintained at an even temperature by means of an automatic machine. A separate room for the pastry department contains the equipment of an up-to-date bakery.

THE academic department is the most important at Western. Library, study hall and classrooms are in close proximity to one another, enabling the changes in classes to be made promptly but informally.

Boys reflect their environment. An older person can sometimes adhere to a high purpose in spite of surrounding adverse conditions, but this is too much to expect of youth. Every effort is made at Western to maintain a high standard of living in a truly scholastic atmosphere. Boys will follow leadership, and this leadership will be found as often among fellow students as in the faculty. In the controlled environment of a military boarding school, boys of the finest character can be and are developed as leaders.

Such young men set the standards by precept and by example. It becomes easy for a newcomer to place himself in harmony with the ideals and the scholastic interests of companions whom he can well afford to copy and to admire. A spirit of friendly competition prevails in academic work as well as in athletics and military training. Each cadet is taught to look on success in his studies as both a pleasure and a duty.

Actually doing things is the best way of understanding them.

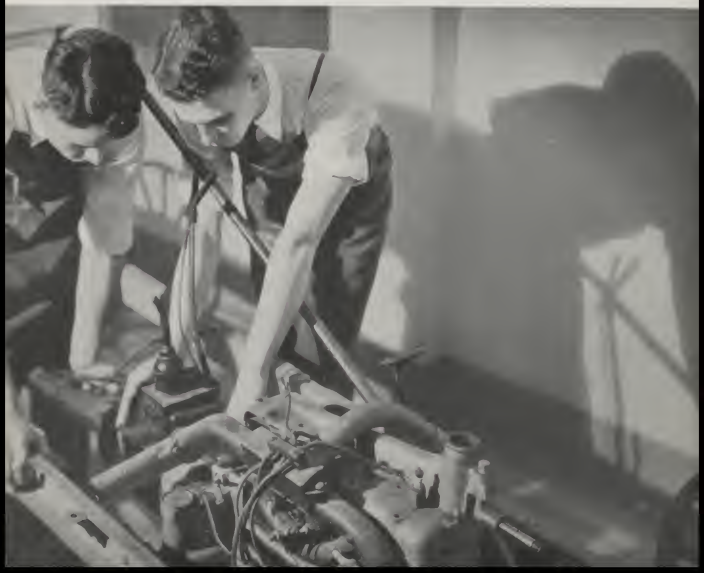
Show boys how to study, and it becomes a pleasure as well as a serious pursuit.

Classes are not crowded. Individual instruction is a potent feature of Western academic learning.

Learning to speak well in youth is of inestimable value to the man in all of the world's work and pleasure.

Business men of tomorrow must learn to master the smaller problems first.

The principles of science are best understood when discovered in practical use.



Laboratory methods are of necessity used in such subjects as physics. At Western these methods are used in all courses.

All is outwardly quiet but here in the library minds are busy.

JUST forty-five minutes a day is the average time of Western cadets spent in military work. Yet the effect of these few minutes each day in making for strong character, keen minds and healthy bodies is incalculable. Military training at Western helps to implant the fundamental ideas of thoroughness, promptness, respect for authority, and faithfulness in the performance of duty. Boys quickly learn to obey cheerfully and to command efficiently.

The military work is so timed as not to interfere in any way with academic work. Nor does it preclude reasonable participation in sports and recreational activity. In fact, because of the mental and physical development which are natural adjuncts to military training, it actually enlarges the cadet's ability to enjoy and benefit from other activities. It is the finest known training for productive life habits.

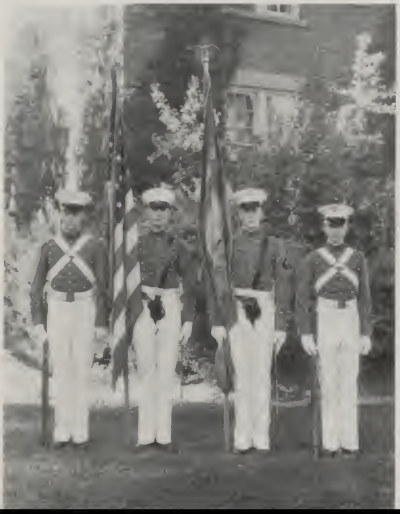
All phases of military work are under the supervision of an experienced military staff.

Changing the guard. Military training develops poise and respect for precision and harmonious action.

The Commandant is the Dean. Clean-cut discipline and prompt obedience are the reward of a disciplinarian who wins the respect, the confidence and the affection of his cadet corps.

There is a feeling of romance in a winter practice march.

Our cadets are taught to take pride in their personal appearance. Three well tailored uniforms and an overcoat provide a variety of combinations.



Respect for the flag is a symbol of patriotism which should be instilled in the heart of every boy.

Inspection of full field equipment with shelter tents.

There's fun in life at Western. This tug-of-war looks interesting.

The military program is occasionally enlivened by group games.

The Battalion in mass formation in winter dress. Exhibition drills are held every Sunday afternoon throughout the school year, and are enjoyed by parents and friends.

Cadets on the firing line.

Estimating the situation. An officer of the Regular Army is detailed by the War Department to instruct in military science and tactics.

Tents are pitched with speed and accuracy.

Cadet officers are appointed from the Senior Class on the basis of merit. An honor worth striving for!

Military authorities of the United States have consistently expressed their admiration of Western Military Academy's conduct of military training in all its branches.

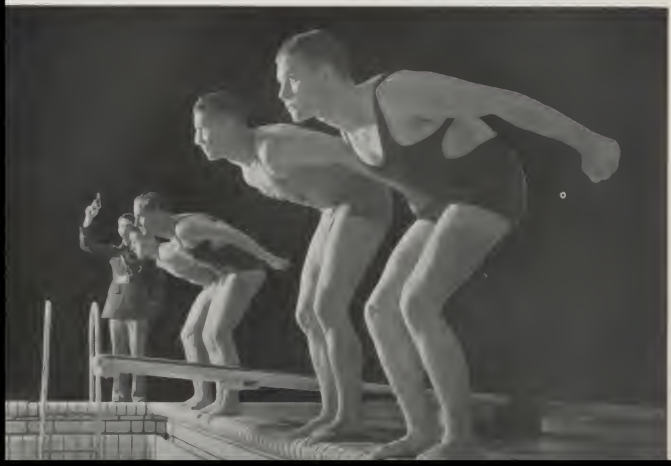
The routine of close-order drill is of particular value in the development of precision, promptness, and coordination of mind and muscle. Instruction in the use of the special weapons which are part of the equipment of a company of infantry adds interest and variety to the program.

TOO often a school's athletic program leaves most of the students on the sidelines. At Western the ideal is "physical training and athletics for every boy." An unusually broad athletic program is provided. Western athletes are known not only for their skill and determination, but for the obvious pleasure they derive from "playing the game."

Two large athletic fields with three baseball diamonds give ample room for outdoor sports.

Much of the school year falls in winter months. This recreation building is more than 300 feet long by 70 feet wide. It contains a gymnasium, several basket ball courts, a billiard room, bowling alleys and an auditorium with a fully equipped stage.

As a builder of strength and endurance, swimming is unsurpassed. The sparkling water of this tile-lined pool encourages every boy to swim throughout the year, under the instruction of an expert coach and the protection of an ever-present life guard.



There is no sport superior to fencing for the development of grace, strength and poise.

Boxing for recreation—not for exhibition—is encouraged at Western. This sport teaches a boy to give and take and to exercise self-control.

Football is the king of sports. About one-half of the cadets play this game each fall. Four separate teams are trained by expert coaches. The value of this sport lies more in the preparation than in the actual game. Sturdy boys learn that success comes through hard training and loyal co-operation of team-mates.

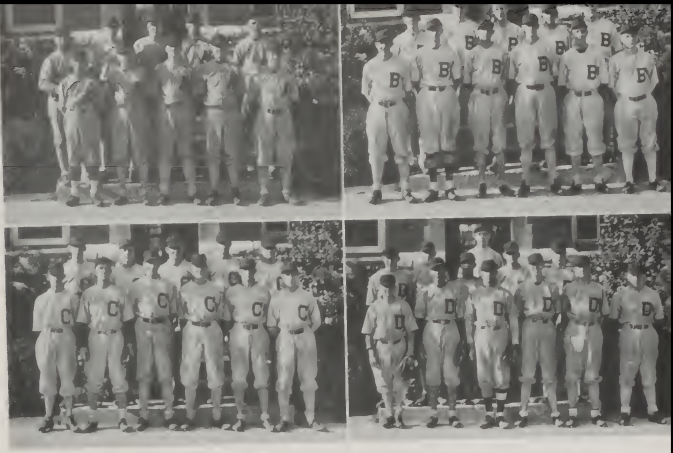
One of the many basket ball teams.

Winners of the inter-class bowling tournament.

There are seven record-breakers in this undefeated Western track team.

Clearing the bar.

Baseball and track are the most popular sports at Western during the spring season.



Boys who might not otherwise enter into competitive team sports are given that opportunity at Western by the formation of company teams which compete with vigorous rivalry.

Late in autumn and early in spring the tennis enthusiasts are up and doing. Twelve courts on the campus provide ample facilities.

The Gun Club engages in frequent trap-shooting competition.

Instruction in rifle marksmanship begins with a small mechanical dotter, passes through a stage of gallery practice with a 22-calibre, and ends with actual range firing of the 30-calibre army rifle.

Bridle paths on the campus and adjacent country roads are available to those who enjoy horseback riding.

Practice holes on the campus, and a nine-hole Country Club course are available to cadets. There are monthly and annual tournaments and inter-scholastic competition.

THERE are many extra-curricular activities which add color and interest to school at Western Military Academy. Prominent among these is the publication of a weekly school newspaper, which brings great benefits to the members of the staff who gather the news, prepare the copy and manage the business under the direction of a faculty advisor.

Those in authority at Western fully appreciate the importance of leisure, and the danger that lurks in it for the youth whose recreation is undirected. Cadets soon learn that their greatest pleasure is derived from genuine recreation, which is rich in the elements of mental and physical growth, rather than from merely entertainment or idleness.

A well-trained Glee Club gives a series of concerts at Western and in nearby cities during the winter months.

The Dramatic Club frequently produces one-act plays and at times combines with the Jazz Orchestra in a vaudeville production.

A Military Ball is held each month under the direction of the student dance committee.

The Boy Scout Club for the younger cadets engages in many interesting activities.

Each fall and spring the school charters a palatial Mississippi River steamer, and the cadets spend the day with friends on the beautiful Father of Waters.

Passing under Eads Bridge at St. Louis.

Western Military Academy is located near the beautiful bluffs which overlook the Mississippi River. The cadets, with faculty officers, frequently explore the historic cliffs and caves made famous by Mark Twain.

One of the joys of the boarding school boy—going home on furlough.

An excellent cadet band adds zest to military school life, and pleasure and benefit to the musicians.

Safe skating is enjoyed in season on the campus Lagoon.

The Boy Scout Club pauses for a picture just before starting on a supper hike.

The Academy bobsleds are popular when snow covers the campus hills.

"TAPS"

Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky,
gleaming bright,
From afar drawing nigh,
falls the night.